

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Kole et al.  
Serial No: 10/551,072  
For: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED WITH A COATING  
Filed: September 27, 2005  
Examiner: Margaret G. Moore  
Art Unit: 1712  
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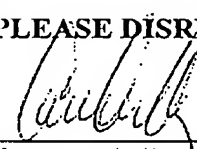
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1. An Amendment (11 pages); and
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants are submitting the present document in response to an Office Action dated January 30, 2007 (hereinafter "the Action"). Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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